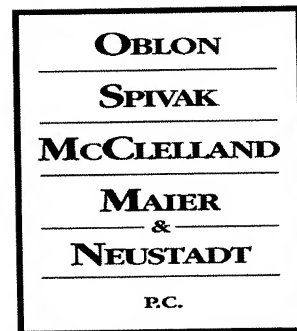


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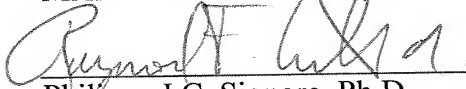
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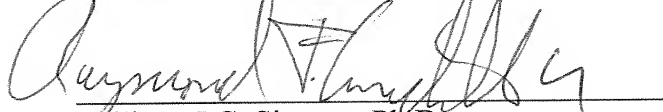
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The “examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance,” included on page 2 attached to the “Notice of Allowability” (PTOL-37) that is in turn attached to the “Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due” mailed March 12, 2007, is mistaken in referring to the subject matter of allowed independent Claim10 as including “the output of the sensor utilized for supplying a correction signal to a detection module based on the sensor output” or that the claims (perhaps independent Claims 10, 15, 16, and 19) includes “sensing of the difference in the sensor output relative to a reference value to determine the failure or the integrity of the sensor.”

Accordingly, the “examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance” is clearly in error as to independent Claims 10, 15, 16, and 19 and should be modified in this regard to indicate the actual subject matter recited by these claims.

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